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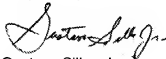
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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on May 19, 2004,
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